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SUBJECT: UNSTRAW - PEDOPHILIA CERTIFICATION

REF: SECSTATE 176088

1. INSTRAW is an unfunded UN-affiliated research organization that has loose connections with 19 NGOs. The embassy is familiar with several of the NGOs and none is known to have the mission of promoting pedophilia. Political officer conducted a review of NGOs affiliated with INSTRAW and found no evidence of pro-pedophilia.

2. INSTRAW does not grant any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia or has subsidiaries or member organizations that do.

3. Embassy contact is Neda Brown, phone 809-731-4203; fax 809-686-4038; email brownna@state.gov.

4. Total staff time devoted to complying with this request was approximately three hours.

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